

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 26th September 2010

WAI Activity Day

Today the 26th of September IRTS are going relaunch the Worked All Ireland Award with an Activity Day. IRTS want to encourage operators with mobile and portable facilities to activate squares and everybody is asked to work out their WAI square to boost activity.

The W.A.I. awards are open to all amateurs and short wave listeners throughout, the world, who wish to participate. Membership of any specific organisation is not pre-requisite.

The aim of the awards scheme is to expand the geographical knowledge of Ireland and its offshore islands.

- 1) To encourage activity in general and promote mobile and portable expedition activity on both LF and VHF bands.
- 2) To encourage amateurs and Shortwave Listeners to improve their operating skills by participating in or running nets.

The worked all Ireland awards were inspired by the WAB awards scheme devised by the late John Morris G3ABG and are based on extensive work carried out by David Jones GI3KVD and the late Paddy McGill GM3MTH.

Tom Rea, EI2GP, and Steve Wright, EI5DD, took the original work, checked the areas, made additions and compiled the book to its present day format which is now printed and distributed by the IRTS.

The Galway VHF Group sponsors the Certificates and manages the awards.

Stations calling into the radio news on the 26th are encouraged to give their WAI square as well as the report.

More details on the Worked All Ireland program is available in the current issue of Echo Ireland

The following Clubs have indicated there participation by holding an activity day to celebrate the re launch

Limerick Radio Club will be operating today from WAI square R46 at Bunratty Castle Folk Park. The club will also be QRV for CASHOTA reference EI008/C. We look forward to working as many stations as possible on SSB & CW, QSL is VIA EI4GXB.

Amateur Portable Group will be QRV from Slane Castle CASHOTA Reference EI007/C & WAI Square N97 QSL via EI8JB.

DAR Theory Classes & Live Morse Tuition

Anyone interested in attending Theory Classes at Dundalk Amateur Radio Society Please contact Tony EI4DIB at ei4dib /at/ ei7dar.com or via text to 086 4066660

DAR has also begun live Morse tuition on Tuesday nights commencing at 20:40 on 145.400 FM DAR have decided to use this frequency as it is used by a lot of Hams and SWL's locally in the North East. If the tuition nights a success DAR may eventually QSY to the Dundalk 2m repeater, giving National and International coverage with the Repeater linked for live streaming on the Internet.

The idea is to send some Morse at a slow and easy pace with good gaps between words. It is hoped to help those of you who are just starting out and those that want to sharpen up. So please tune in to 145.400 with pen and paper at the ready.

More info is available on the DAR website at www.ei7dar.com

Amateur Radio Licence Study Group

Michael EI2GKB is starting a study group in the Naas Newbridge and Kildare area, for further details Michael can be contacted by mobile on 087 2481970 or via email miklef /at/ oceanfree.net

North Cork Radio Group-Thank You

North Cork Radio Group wishes to thank everyone who attended the first annual rally on Sun last. The rally was a great success and the support for the group shown was very much appreciated.

Raffle winners were:

Steven O'Connell EI1275, Limerick Michéal O'Choimeain SWL, Cork City J Sheehan, Mount Collins, Limerick

Special thanks to all the traders, IRTS and Ger McNamara EI4GXB who made time for an informal study class for candidates sitting the next examination, also thank you to Gary of South East Communications for the raffle prizes and extended thanks to Liam EI7GTB for his hard work and planning for the event.

Good News on 500 kHz fro the USA

The Federal Communications Commission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) -- the spectrum regulators for United States private sector and government users, respectively -- have agreed to support a secondary MF allocation to the Amateur Radio Service at 461-469 kHz and 471-478 kHz at the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12), to be held in Geneva, Switzerland from January 23-February 17, 2012. FCC and NTIA officials formally presented the proposal at a meeting of the Second Permanent Consultative Committee (PCC.II) of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), held August 30-September 3 in Fortaleza, Brazil.

Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications

Conference The 2010 Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference (GAREC) - supported by the ARRL, the IARU and all three IARU Regions, is scheduled for October 11-12 in Curacao.

With its theme of Learning through Practicing, this year's conference is an opportunity for emergency communicators to discuss recent events, discover technical solutions to problems and how to cooperate with professional partners.

One of the highlights of the 2010 conference will be an actual EmComm exercise during the conference, exploring how information sharing across borders can be improved.

Netherlands Antillies

ARRL Awards Committee Statement on Dissolution of the Netherlands Antillies: To clarify the administrative process by which the anticipated changes to the two existing Netherlands Antilles DXCC entities will be made, the ARRL Awards Committee has determined that at 0400Z (12:00 AM local time in the islands) on 10 October 2010, the two Netherland Antilles DXCC entities will be deleted.

Commencing at 0400Z (12:00 AM local time) on 10 October, 2010, operation from the islands of Curacao, Bonaire, Saint Maarten, Saba, and St Eustatius will count for a yet-to-be-determined number of new entities under the DXCC List Criteria, and Political Entities, Rule 1 and/or Rule 2 Geographic Separation Entities. When the Awards Committee determines what Rule 1 or Rule 2 actions apply, it will announce the final disposition of the entities on the DXCC list.

The DXCC desk will not accept confirmations for these new entities until after 1 January, 2011.

Rallies

The date for the 30th Lough Erne ARC Rally is set for Sunday 17 April 2011

For further details on Rallies please see www.irts.ie/rallies

History this Week

1956 First Trans Atlantic telephone cable, Scotland to Newfoundland, Canada.

1918 First direct radio message, UK to Aust. received by E Fisk, Sydney.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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